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Minister of State (Sport) Bal Gosal takes part in a sporting event held by Special Olympics Canada on Parliament Hill on Tuesday. Lobbyists with the organization were on the Hill pitching for \$10 million in additional support for the Special Olympics. Story, page 6.

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Council approves transit plan, now it just needs \$4B

Watson's barrels of cash. Mayor confident Ottawa will get provincial and federal funding because request isn't 'greedy'



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Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson says he will ask the province and country to chip in close to \$1 billion each to help fund the city's light-rail project that will see 35 kilometres of new track and 19 new stations by 2023.

Watson said he is confident the city will get the help it needs from the feds and the province, especially since the pitch isn't "greedy."

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what we think that what the citizens of Ottawa deserve, we represent three per cent of the country and the ask of the federal government is about two per cent," Watson told reporters.

The first step was approving the city's Transportation Master Plan, which council did unanimously at a special council meeting Tuesday. Watson said the \$4-billion plan, which will govern all transit initiatives for the next 18 years, sets up the city for smart growth and allows for intensification in and around transit stations,

effectively avoiding urban sprawl.

"At those stations, that's where the real growth is going to take place, so that you will have more density around a transit station, which just makes sense because it means you can leave your apartment or condo, go down, take the train and get downtown in 10 minutes," he told Metro at city hall Tuesday.

"Everyone talks about sensible urban planning, well, sensible urban planning is trying to grow around transit stations."

He added that the plan will make the city much more "transit friendly" than it has been in the past and said by focusing development around transit stations, the city can reduce the costs of building new fire stations and libraries in the suburbs and increase OC Transpo ridership.



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'Flying object'

Quebec gov't says drone spotted above Hull jail

Public safety officials in Quebec don't know for sure whether it was a bird, a plane or a cape-wearing superhero, but something was in the sky hovering above the Hull jail Sunday morning and they think it was a drone.

Philippe Desjardins, a spokesperson for the ministère de la sécurité publique, said a corrections officer saw a round orange "flying object" about 15 cm in diameter in the sky above the prison courtyard at 11:20 a.m. The prison is located at 75 rue St-François, which is approximately five kilometres west of downtown Ottawa.

"The corrections officer found nothing on the ground in the prison," said Desjardins. "We have no evidence that the drone dropped something or crashed in the perimeter of the prison."

He said the jail confirmed that no inmates were in the courtyard at the time, but officials could not verify whether any contraband fell from the object.

The ministry oversees correctional facilities in the province of Quebec.

"The corrections officer takes this very seriously because they are afraid that kind of flying object (could have) dropped some kind of drugs or cellphone or something like that," said Desjardins. "They're very aware of different methods to stop these kinds of events."

The jail has closed its investigation, according to the ministry spokesperson.

JOE LOFARO/METRO



The Ottawa SkyHawks' new head coach Jaren Jackson at a team press conference introducing him. Jackson replaces former coach Kevin Keathley, inset, after only seven games. DENIS ARMSTRONG/MIKE CARROCETTO/METRO

Say hello to the new SkyHawks coach

One-year contract. NBA vet Jaren Jackson can build team for future, says team owner

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Ottawa SkyHawks' owner Gus Takkale is not the kind of guy who waits for things to happen. Less than 24 hours after announcing he had fired head coach Kevin Keathley, the sharp-dressed Takkale was

introducing Keathley's successor, NBA veteran Jaren Jackson as the team's new head coach on a one-year contract.

Takkale said he fired Keathley because they didn't see eye to eye on the team's aggressive run-and-gun style of play. Takkale also said Keathley still hadn't signed his contract seven games into the season — indicating there might have been some tension between the two.

The SkyHawks currently rank eighth out of nine for defensive lapses and points given up. "We're entertaining to watch, but you don't win championships without a strong defence," Takkale explained.

"I want to build a team for the future."

Jackson said that he likes the SkyHawks' aggressive attack and that his first job is to get the team to play more defensively.

"This is an awesome opportunity for me to take these young players on a similar path that I followed into the NBA," said Jackson Tuesday. "I had other opportunities to coach elsewhere, but I chose to come to Ottawa. A new team means a new opportunity to build something here in Canada."

A native of Indiana, Jackson, 49, played professional basketball for 12 years, winning an NBA championship with the San Antonio Spurs in 1999.

Jackson began coaching at Georgetown University in 2003 and was named CBA Coach of the Year in 2005 with the Gary Steelheads. He was the head coach for the Saint John Mill Rats of the National Basketball League of Canada for the 2010-2011 season before moving to Ottawa.

"Jaren's gone where these young guys want to go," said Takkale. "He's an inspirational story."



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Medical-marijuana user Jason Wilcox said he was forced to explain to his 14-year-old that he uses the drug after his daughter collected the household mail and saw a Health Canada return address exposing him as a participant in the government's medical-marijuana access program. FACEBOOK

Medical-weed users already suffering from mailout mess: Firm

Health Canada gaffe.

Disclosures may have lead to firings, robbery

Alleged damages

"It gets even worse than just being outed as users of marijuana, you are being outed as having diseases."

Branch MacMaster lawyer Kate Saunders

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At least three medical marijuana patients have lost their jobs and one person has been a victim of a home invasion since Health Canada outed 40,000 participants in the medical-pot access program last week, according to law firm Branch MacMaster.

The B.C. firm has filed a class-action lawsuit against Health Canada over the privacy breach that resulted from a mass-mailout gaffe. The firm says members of the country's medical-marijuana program now worry about being attached to the stigma that comes along with using marijuana and fear they may be a victim of a robbery. What's worse is the fact that the patients have also been exposed as having diseases.

"Individuals that are part of the access program must also, in order to qualify for the program, suffer from a small number of diseases and illnesses that actually themselves come with a public stigma as well," said Branch MacMaster lawyer Kate Saunders.

"It gets even worse than just being outed as users of

marijuana. You are being outed as having diseases such as HIV or multiple sclerosis or any number of other diseases you are required to have in order to be able to be qualify for the program."

The named plaintiff in the case, Jason Wilcox, was forced to explain to his 14-year-old daughter that he uses marijuana after she picked up the mail on her way home from school. He says Health Canada forced him to have a conversation with his teenaged daughter that he wasn't quite ready to have.

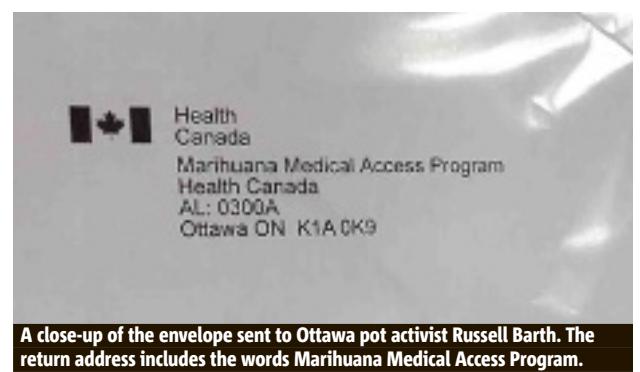
"She went out to get the mail and asked me, 'Hey, Dad, what's this?'" said Wilcox, the

founder and director of Cannabis in Canada Society.

"I didn't feel like having the conversation with my daughter about my choice in medication until the time was appropriate."

Saunders said the statement of claim filed Monday doesn't stipulate monetary damages, but she noted that a recent Ontario Court of Appeal decision ruled that class-action suits with no proof of "out-of-pocket damage" can award claimants up to \$20,000.

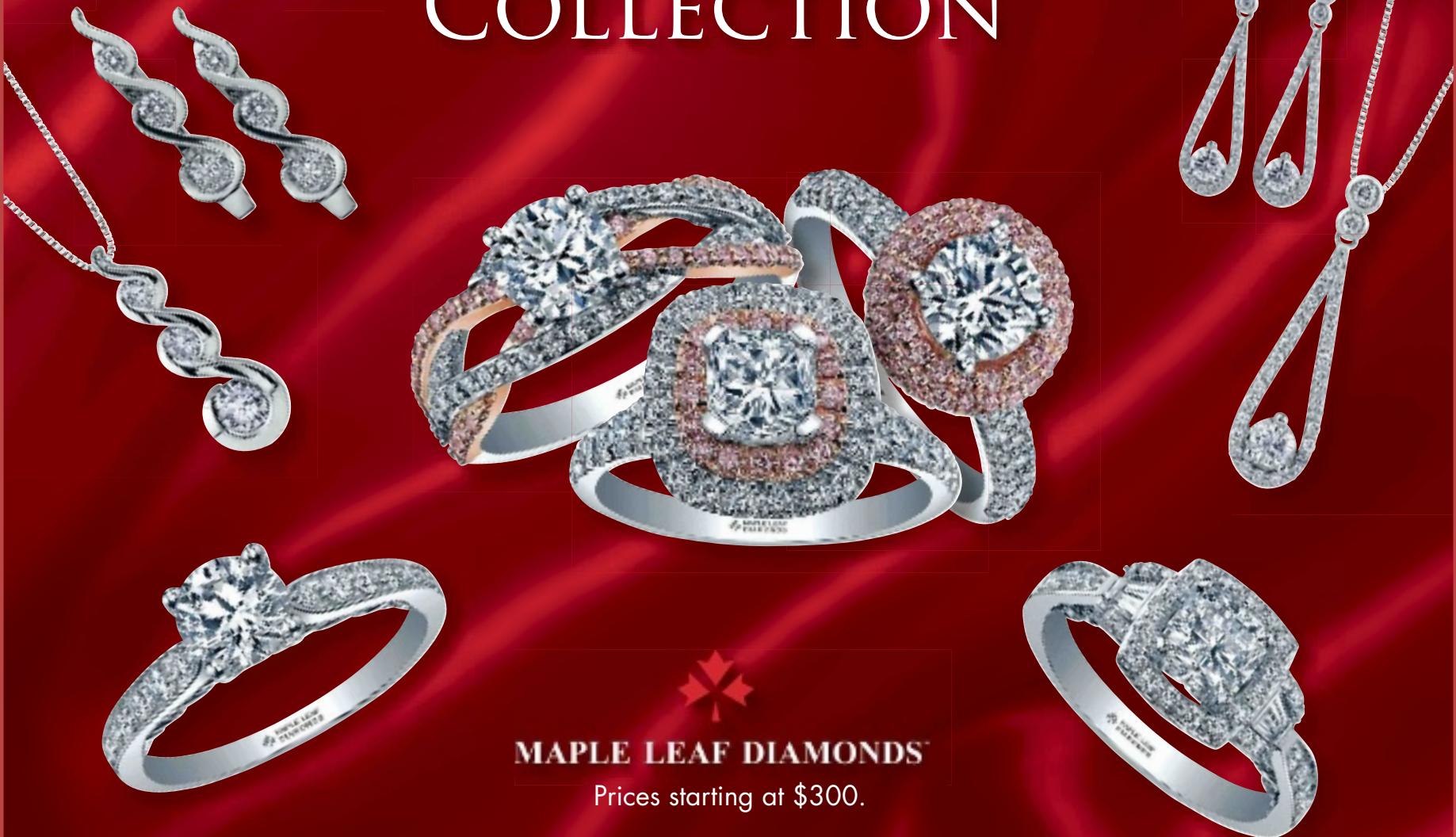
Health Canada Deputy Minister George Da Pont said the mailing was the result of an "administrative error."



A close-up of the envelope sent to Ottawa pot activist Russell Barth. The return address includes the words Marijuana Medical Access Program.

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Special Olympics athletes take on cops, politicians in race

'Amazing.' Olympic Gold medallist Mark Tewksbury was the announcer at the event

A team of MPs, senators, and the Ontario Provincial Police were clear underdogs on Tuesday in a relay race against 70 Special Olympics athletes and their families on the front lawn of Parliament Hill to mark Special Olympics Canada Hill Day.

Olympic gold medallist Mark Tewksbury, who now sits on the Special Olympics board of governors, called the race and later, led a team of lobbyists that met with 144 members of parliament including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Minister of State (Sport) Bal Gosal, Canadian Heritage Minister Shelly Glover, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Peter MacKay and Sen. Jim Munson urging them to find an additional \$10 million in funding for the Special Olympics

over the next four federal budgets.

"We did well today," a relieved Tewksbury said. "It was an amazing race. The Special Olympics is making huge inroads into the public imagination. It's staggering to think a few years ago that these people were isolated and largely forgotten. By getting involved in sports, people with an intellectual disability gain a sense of belonging to a larger community."

In 2012, Special Olympics Canada launched its Long Term Athletic Development Strategy, a five-year strategic plan aimed at broadening athletic programs vital for the intellectually disabled. Currently, only 35,000 athletes and volunteers, roughly five per cent of Canada's 700,000 intellectually disabled people, participate in the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics holds winter and summer games every two years.

Their website is specialolympics.ca

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Canadian Olympic gold medallist Mark Tewksbury, centre, poses with members and supporters of the Canadian Special Olympics team on the steps of Parliament Hill on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

Report on expanded Taser use by police delayed until next year



Ottawa police Sgt. Paul McIntyre demonstrates the use of the X26 Taser at police headquarters during a press conference in August. Plans for expanded taser use by police have been delayed. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

The Ottawa Police Service Board will have to wait until 2014 to receive a report on the feasibility of handing out more Tasers to as many as 300 frontline officers.

Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau said he only received a copy of the provincial guidelines on Monday outlining the expanded use of stun guns in Ontario. The delay means his report will likely be postponed until January or February, he said.

The average cost of a Taser is \$2,000, but not all officers would be equipped with one right away, he said Tuesday.

"There are different models out there. People can come in and sign out a Taser," said Bordeleau. "I wouldn't need 300 Tasers initially."

Under the 2014 police budget, which was approved

Tuesday evening by the Ottawa Police Services Board, Bordeleau can green-light the purchase of \$500,000 worth of equipment. However, he has to pick and choose from an equipment wish list totalling upwards of \$1.5 million.

"That's what happens in a world where your budgets are limited. So you have to be responsible and set priorities as to what you need to purchase for the year," said Bordeleau. "I have competing interests and we have to make some hard decisions as to what we can afford and what we can't."

The board approved a recommended \$263.9 million budget, which is an increase of \$4.5 million or 1.99 per cent from last year. It is headed to city council for final approval Wednesday.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Investigation

Ottawa police consulting RCMP to solve break-ins in Asian community

Ottawa police are asking the RCMP for help as they intensify their investigation into a series of break-ins targeting homeowners of Asian descent.

There have been 13 such incidents reported to police since Oct. 22, with the most recent one occurring on Nov. 23. In two instances, a home security system scared off the suspect.

Police say the thieves are after expensive jewelry, cash, and gold bars usually stored in safes inside the home. What links each case together is that each victim is either an owner or employee of a local Asian restaurant.

Staff Sgt. Kal Ghadban said police are now reaching out to the Mounties for intelligence information.

"They have an Asian organized crime investigative team, so we want to

see if they can lend us any assistance in possibly giving us intelligence on what's happening," said Ghadban. "Because they're a national police force, they know what's going on across the country so maybe there's trends in other cities that we're not aware of that they can tell us about."

Police have also reached out to the Chinatown BIA to spread the word about the linkages between the break-ins. So far, police do not have any suspect information to release.

Ghadban said it's normal practice to have three break-and-enter teams working across the city. But for this investigation, a dedicated team of detectives has been assembled to solve the case.

"Normally these investigators could carry a dozen or more cases at any given time, so what we're going to have them do is focus on these cases right now," said Ghadban.

Other items that have been stolen include high-end handbags and gold coins, he added.

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Vanier

Police confirm two shooters, four suspects in shooting

The Ottawa police guns-and-gangs unit's investigation into a shooting in Vanier on Nov. 19 has determined there were two shooters.

The shooting happened at 12:05 a.m. near the intersection of Montreal Road and Durocher Street. So far, no

injuries have been reported to police.

Police are looking for four suspects described as two black men and two men of Middle Eastern descent, who are all about 25 years old and wore baggy clothing.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the guns-and-gangs unit at 613-236-1222, extension 5050, or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS). **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

Court

Guilty plea in bus driver's sexual exploitation of teen

A former bus driver has pleaded guilty to sexual exploitation of an Ottawa teen he had been driving to appointments.

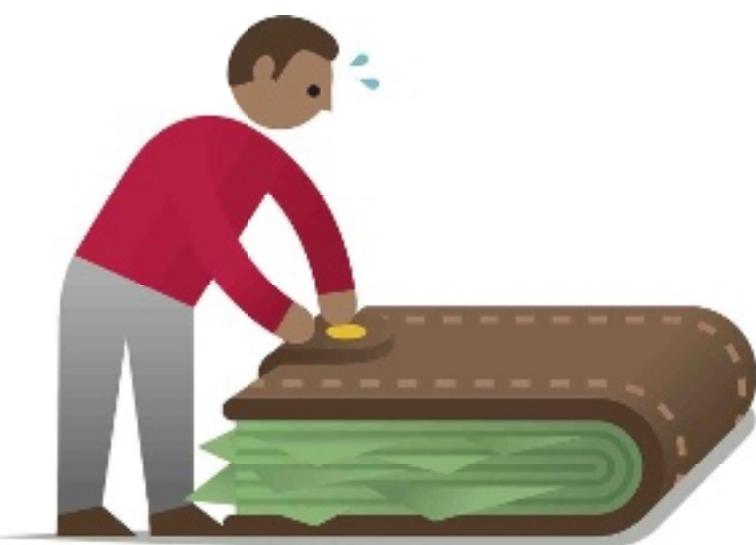
Court heard Richard Chiasson, 51, made sexual advances toward a 15-year-

old girl for whom he was a private driver, taking her to weekly speech-therapist appointments.

In a victim-impact statement submitted to court, the mother of the girl said her daughter is still cowering in the darkest corner of her mind.

The girl, who cannot be named, did not come forward until Chiasson was fired from the bus company for other reasons.

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Gone but not forgotten

First memorial

Ottawa man raising money for bronze statue of young Jeffrey Baldwin, who died in 2002 after horrific abuse

There's already a permanent memorial to Jeffrey in Greenwood Park: a bench, a plaque and a small garden. Boyce said the statue could complement the first memorial.

The inquest into Jeffrey Baldwin's death has spurred one Ottawa father to call for a memorial to remember the five-year-old who dreamed of being like Superman while suffering years of severe abuse and neglect.

Todd Boyce, 44, a father of four, including of a seven-year-old boy who shares a birthday with Jeffrey, has started an Indiegogo fundraising campaign to erect a bronze statue in Toronto's Greenwood Park depicting Jeffrey dressed as the Man of Steel.

It is yet another example of how the Jeffrey Baldwin story, one of the most notorious cases of child abuse in Toronto's recent history, has touched people far beyond the city's borders.

Jeffrey died on Nov. 30, 2002, of complications from

chronic starvation while in the care of his maternal grandparents. Weighing just 21 pounds, Jeffrey was unable to lift his own head in the days leading up to his death.

Elva Bottineau and Norman Kidman were later convicted of second-degree murder.

Media coverage of the coroner's inquest compelled Boyce to launch the campaign last Friday on Indiegogo, which had raised \$210 as of Monday evening.

"As I was reading the articles, there was just something about them that resonated with me, that I really can't explain," said Boyce. "I just felt terrible for Jeffrey and as more articles were coming out, I just felt compelled to try to do something so this little guy's not forgotten."

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Lace up your skates

A lone skater tries out the Rink of Dreams at Marion Dewar Plaza outside Ottawa City Hall on Tuesday, the rink's first day open.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Winter outlook average but erratic

Get ready for shovelling. The Weather Network is predicting 'lengthy periods of active weather'

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The Weather Network predicts a stormy winter of discontent for Ottawa for 2013-2014.

The network's Winter Outlook, released Tuesday, is calling for highly variable weather of intense storms followed by long stretches of quiet weather between December and February.

"I'm seeing lengthy periods of active weather with heavy snow and freezing rain, followed by long periods of relative stability," explained Weather Network meteorologist Elena Lappo.

"Like much of the province, Ottawa will receive the



Buses stuck in the snow on Bank Street during the storm that dumped 20 cm of snow on the city in one day last February. Although Ottawa is expected to get its average snowfall this winter, the forecast says it will come in concentrated dumps, rather than a steady, even dose of the white stuff. MIKE CARROCETTO/FOR METRO

average amount of snow, but instead of distributing snowfalls evenly through-

out the season, the region will see storms dropping 20, 30 centimetres at a time.

This will be a good winter for big storms."

Normal day temperatures

of -4 C, and lows of -12 C will be the exception.

Lappo predicts that we'll

Rest of the country

What about everyone else?

- The forecast is normal in Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario.
- Below normal in B.C.
- Above normal in Quebec and the Maritimes
- Below or at normal in Nunavut, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

see greater variability in temperatures, with periods of mild weather alternating with storms and bitter cold.

Causing all this unpredictable weather is "La Nada," a stable weather system over the lower Pacific that will funnel warm wet air from the lower U.S. into Canada, where it will collide with colder Arctic air, making the winter of 2013-2014 an epic season of intense shovelling.

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Report: Transport Canada rail oversight lacking in key areas

'Significant weaknesses.' Issues include poorly trained inspectors, lack of route knowledge and absence of followup when problems are found

A rail-safety audit completed just days before the deadly July train crash in Lac-Mégantic, Que., found "significant weaknesses" in Transport Canada's oversight of railways.

Those weaknesses include a lack of knowledge of rail routes used to transport dangerous goods, too few safety auditors, poorly trained inspectors and an absence of followup or sanctions when safety problems are found.

"What we identified was that there were weaknesses in all aspects of how Transport Canada is overseeing rail-safety systems in the

(rail) companies," auditor general Michael Ferguson told a news conference Tuesday.

His report found that only 14 safety audits of Canada's 31 federally regulated railways had been completed in the previous three years — just a quarter of the audits Transport Canada had expected to carry out.

Moreover, "the scope of the department's audits is very limited," stated the report.

And eight of those 14 audits focused on just the two largest operators, CN and Canadian Pacific, leaving Canada's smaller operators largely unchecked.

One of those small rail companies was the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic, whose unattended, single-operator train carrying 7.6 million litres of volatile crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic on July 6, killing 47 people.

The auditor general's re-



The centre of Lac-Mégantic, Que., wiped away under a clutter of smouldering tanker cars on July 7. An auditor general report found "significant weaknesses" in Transport Canada's railway oversight. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

port, which was wrapped up barely a week before the crash, explicitly states it makes no assessment of the Lac-Mégantic disaster.

However, Ferguson acknowledged Tuesday that the deadliest rail accident in Canadian history highlights the audit's significance.

"Any time there's a serious, significant incident, it's always going to raise questions," he said.

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Other report highlights

- The September 2012 recall of 7 million kilograms of beef products from XL Foods in Alberta highlighted serious problems at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- The Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP need to tighten border security and take steps to better measure how effective it is at keeping illegals out.
- The Canada Revenue Agency did a good job of following up on leaked reports of Canadians with offshore accounts in Liechtenstein.
- The Canadian government has done little since 2005 to improve its online services for citizens.

Prisons too secretive, inquest told



From left: Julian Roy, lawyer for Ashley Smith's family, Breese Davies, lawyer for the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, and Richard Macklin, lawyer for Ontario's child advocate, walk outside Smith's prison-death inquest in Toronto on Monday. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Only an independent, external watchdog can force improvements on a secretive prison system deeply resistant to change, an inquest jury heard Tuesday.

Proper accountability is desperately needed to prevent a recurrence of the Ashley Smith tragedy, a lawyer for a women's prisoner advocacy group told jurors.

In closing submissions, Breese Davies said it would be useless to simply recommend a culture shift at Correctional Service Canada.

"This inquest has taught us the risks of allowing CSC to continue to operate under a cloud of secrecy," Davies said.

Speaking for the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Davies said prison authorities need to focus less on security and more on therapy when it comes to mentally ill and chronically self-harming women.

Davies, who joined with Smith's family in urging jurors to return a verdict of homicide in the teen's choking death, said CSC has done little to deal with the issues that led to the

Quoted

"They have lost their moral compass. The cloud of secrecy has to be lifted."

Breese Davies, lawyer for the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, on Correctional Service Canada

tragedy.

"CSC cannot be trusted to fix the problems," she said.

The deeply troubled Smith, 19, strangled herself in her segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007, as guards delayed going in to try to save her.

Davies opposed a finding of suicide or accidental death given evidence the warden had ordered underlings to stay out of Smith's cell as long as the inmate was still breathing.

"The order was a well researched, meticulously crafted policy that we now know was a major factor in Ashley's death," Davies said.

"It was extreme hesitation that caused her death that day." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unpopular opinion. Expert fears ban on polls during elections

One of Canada's leading pollsters says he fears the day is fast approaching when public opinion polls will be banned during election campaigns.

John Wright, senior vice-president of Ipsos Global Public Affairs, says political horse-race polls have proved unreliable in a number of provincial elec-

tions and were wildly wrong again Monday in at least one of four federal byelections.

Wright blames shoddy polling methods by some companies and the media's undiscerning appetite for polls for dragging the industry's reputation through the mud.

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Study

Number of H1N1 deaths similar to common flu

A new study suggests the number of people who died from the H1N1 flu in 2009 was similar to the toll taken by seasonal flu, but the authors suggest the comparison is misleading because the people who died during the H1N1 pandemic were a lot younger than those who die from seasonal flu.

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More cuts

Sears Canada laying off 800 employees

Sears Canada is laying off nearly 800 employees as it moves ahead with a plan to reduce operating costs, saying Tuesday that most of the cuts would be made in its repair parts and service business, where 712 jobs would be eliminated. Another 79 will lose their jobs in the Toronto head office.

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Tiny recreational drones pose privacy concern

Unregulated. Small camera-equipped drones flown by hobbyists require no special flight certificate

Tiny, camera-equipped drones — some as small as birds or insects — could evade Canadian privacy law as people begin using the increasingly affordable aircraft to spy on others, warns the federal privacy czar.

Model aircraft flown by hobbyists may be “left entirely unregulated” as the federal government focuses on drones flown for commercial or police purposes, says a new study by the research group of the privacy commis-

sioner’s office.

In Canada, unmanned aerial vehicles — or UAVs — are regulated by Transport Canada as aircraft under the Canadian Aviation Regulations. But drones that weigh 35 kilograms or less do not require a special flight certificate when flown for recreational purposes.

The study says the exception poses concerns given that companies are beginning to sell small, inexpensive drones than can stream live video to smartphones.

The privacy commissioner’s office worries these recreational drones could fuel the “growing trend” of people using technology to conduct surveillance on fellow citizens.

Drones are often outfitted with cameras but can also

carry gizmos such as thermal imaging devices and licence-plate readers.

Aside from military and police applications, drones might soon be used for everything from filming movie scenes and digital mapping to wildlife management and industrial espionage, the study says.

The RCMP has begun experimenting with small, helicopter-like drones that fit in the trunk of a car for chores such as photographing accident scenes.

So far, there has been no indication that drones are being used in Canada for general surveillance or to gather personal information, the study adds.

But that could change as more of the devices take to the skies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Life must go on in battered Philippines

A mother cuddling her baby crosses a muddy ground amid devastated buildings around an evacuation centre in the central Philippine province of Leyte on Tuesday. The province of Leyte was right in the destruction path of the super typhoon Haiyan, which pummeled central Philippines on Nov. 8. **BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Senate scandal. PM defends Conservatives implicated in Duffy deal

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is defending Conservatives involved in Sen. Mike Duffy's expense-repayment deal.

Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, has borne the full blame of his ex-boss for the controversial scheme to reimburse the disgraced senator's \$90,000 worth of disallowed expenses. Wright resigned in May.

But other senior staff still in the Prime Minister's Office, including director of issues management Chris Woodcock and manager of parliamentary affairs Patrick Rogers, were also active in the discussions about

how to get Duffy to repay his expenses.

“The question is why he hasn't fired all these other people in his office who were part of this coverup?” NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair demanded Tuesday.

Harper has steadfastly maintained that only two people are responsible for possible wrongdoing: Wright and Duffy. The RCMP has alleged they committed fraud, breach of trust and bribery in striking the deal that involved the exchange of money. No one has been charged. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Prime Minister Stephen Harper is pictured during question period in the House of Commons on Tuesday. **SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bit his victim

Homework helps track would-be thief

Police in Barrie, Ont., say homework assignments led investigators to a would-be thief who put the bite on his victim.

Police were called to a home around 5 a.m. on Nov. 20 to investigate a report of a young man attempting to steal items from a parked car.

Investigators say the homeowner had confronted the suspect and was bitten three times on the forearm. However, the victim was able to grab the suspect's backpack during the scuffle.

Officers searched the bag and found a binder that contained several homework assignments that led them to arrest a 16-year-old on Monday.

The teen is charged with attempted theft and prowling at night. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Climate-change refugee claim denied

New Zealand. Judge rejects Kiribati man's claim that rising sea levels make it too dangerous for family to return to island home

In his decision Tuesday, a New Zealand High Court judge re-

jected Ioane Teitiota's claim that he should be granted refugee status because of climate change, saying Teitiota did not fit the definition of a refugee under international guidelines because he was not being directly persecuted.

Judge John Priestley said if he broadened the definition, millions more people worldwide suffering from natural disasters or warfare would be

eligible to become refugees.

Teitiota and his wife moved to New Zealand from the low-lying Pacific island nation of Kiribati in 2007. He argued that rising sea levels make it too dangerous for him and his family to return there.

Since moving to New Zealand, Teitiota and his wife have had three children. All five are now likely to face

deportation, because citizenship isn't automatically granted by birth in New Zealand.

The judge said Teitiota and his children might have mounted a case to stay on humanitarian grounds had they not overstayed their visas.

"Unfortunately for the applicant, because he has chosen to remain illegally in New Zealand, he is, under

current law, precluded from applying for an immigration permit on humanitarian grounds," he said.

Kiribati, an impoverished string of 33 coral atolls located about halfway between Hawaii and Australia, has about 103,000 people and has been identified by scientists as being among the nations most vulnerable to climate change. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Frightening predictions

A panel of climate scientists recently issued a report predicting oceans could rise by as much as a metre by the end of the century.

- If that were to happen, much of Kiribati would simply disappear.

Into the abyss. Bosnian pond suddenly disappears

The villagers of the remote northwestern Bosnian village of Sanica have been in shock since a pond vanished two weeks ago.

The pond was some 20 metres in diameter and about eight metres deep. Now, the "abyss," as the villagers have dubbed the crater, is some 50 metres wide and 30 metres deep — and growing.

"I sat here only a day before it happened, sipping plum brandy," villager Cemal Hasan said. "And then, there was panic. Fish were jumping out, and a big plum tree was

pulled down like someone yanked it with a hook."

Scientists say it is not uncommon that ponds and small lakes suddenly disappear. They say it could be caused by drying underground water currents or changes in soil drainage due to irrigation.

An alternative spooky explanation: the owner of the pond took it with him when he died about a month ago. "His daughter saw him walk on the lake the night he died," said another villager, Rezak Motanic.

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Fuad Cemal holds up a photo of a pond that disappeared in the village of Sanica, Bosnia. **AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Central Africa

Congo's okapi nearly extinct

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) says the Congo's national symbol, the okapi, is on the brink of extinction.

The IUCN's Red List of endangered species, published Tuesday, says the population of the okapi, also known as the "forest giraffe," has dwindled because of poaching and habitat loss.

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U.K.

Wolves escape from British zoo

Zoo staff have killed three wolves who escaped from their pen at Colchester Zoo in southeastern England.

A fourth wandering wolf was subdued with a tranquilizer dart and recaptured, while a fifth quickly returned to its pen on its own Tuesday.

Officials said they do not know how the fence around the pen became damaged, despite being checked on a daily basis.

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Rogers shoots, scores with \$5.2B NHL multimedia deal

12-year term.

Historic pact will diminish CBC's role in HNIC

Canada's hockey TV landscape underwent a seismic shift Tuesday as Rogers Communications wrested control of NHL multimedia rights with a blockbuster 12-year, \$5.2-billion agreement that will preserve Hockey Night in Canada but limit CBC's role in the iconic broadcast.

The deal, the largest in NHL history, gives Rogers national rights to all NHL games, including the playoffs and Stanley Cup final, on all its platforms in all languages.

"It will be the NHL like never before," Rogers Media president Keith Pelley promised at a packed news conference Tuesday, touting a

Knew when to fold 'em

The CBC "was not in a position to spend taxpayers money on this game of high stakes."

CBC president Hubert Lacroix on the NHL's high financial expectations, which he said the national broadcaster couldn't meet

"transformational day" for the industry, as well as Rogers' position as a sports broadcasting titan.

A sub-licensing agreement with CBC allows the public broadcaster to continue airing Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday nights for four years, while TVA in Quebec earned all of the Canadian French-language multimedia rights.

But the Rogers coup includes rights to the venerable Hockey Night in Canada brand, allowing Rogers to air



The triumphant trio, in colour-coordinated duds: Rogers president and CEO Nadir Mohamed, centre, with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, left, and Keith Pelley, president of Rogers Media, at a news conference on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the weekly staple across all its platforms, including City and Sportsnet.

"Sometimes it's almost

surreal — acquiring the most coveted content in all of Canada, and there is nothing even close, which is the national

rights to Hockey Night in Canada," Pelley told reporters after the news conference.

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Nuclear waste. Company town backs Bruce Power

Ordinarily, a proposal to bury radioactive waste in a scenic area would inspire "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) protests from local residents.

But conventional wisdom has been turned on its head in southwestern Ontario, where Bruce Power wants to entomb waste from its nuclear plants 680 metres below the surface near Lake Huron.

Some of the strongest support comes from Kincardine, Ont., area near the would-be



Lake Huron just beyond a fence enclosing a section of the Bruce Power nuclear complex. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

159 members

Diplomats fail to reach global trade deal: WTO chief

Negotiators have failed to craft the first global trade deal in more than a decade, which could have given the world economy a \$1-trillion boost, the director-general of the World Trade Organization said. Diplomats from the WTO's 159 members tried ahead of a summit where ministers were to have signed the deal next week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Random biz fact of the day

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will no longer be something that absolutely differentiates folks," said a vice-president at Workopolis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The good ol' hockey deal

The new deal is raising questions about the future of CBC's talent, especially Don Cherry. Rogers president Keith Pelley said it was too soon to answer those questions.

- It appears TSN is also on the outside looking in. The NHL's news release early Tuesday made no mention of the all-sports network, which currently airs a package of regular-season and playoff games.
- Bell Media vice-president of communications Scott Henderson said TSN would have 10 Leafs games next season under a regional agreement and that, starting in 2015, the network would have 26 regional Leafs games.
- The deal could put the iconic Hockey Night in Canada theme song in limbo. TSN has owned the rights to the jingle since 2008 after CBC was unable to negotiate a new agreement with the song's composer.



Douglas Coupland

Douglas Coupland's latest novel, *Worst. Person. Ever.*, is available from Random House Canada.

Day 18

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Relationships

Temp work, temp love

With no job security or benefits and fluctuating schedules, temporary employment is affecting personal relationships.

A study by United Way Toronto and McMaster University found those doing precarious work — including contract, temporary and casual workers — are more likely to be single.

Among those aged 25 to 34, 31 per cent with secure employment are single, compared to 54 per cent with precarious jobs.

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Carried away

Tittle tattle

We asked you to share your office secrets and you answered:

"During a tough year of merger and acquisition, the president of the company made a speech at the Christmas party and said, 'We will shoot the laggards and carry the wounded!' As the president left the stage, a friend, obviously having partaken of a few too many, ran at the president, jumped on his back and yelled, 'Yahoo, carry me, I'm wounded.' And yes, he was carried — carried out by security!" METRO READER

I stayed for a while at Chantelle's, but declined her vodka as I still had to drive — to the oil refinery to meet with Kyle who answered a meet-for-coffee text with: Blue gate, refinery north road, 7:45 look for billboard with photo of happy mallard duck family.

Indeed I found the Duck Family portrait with the banner caption, Always Putting the Environment First. It stood in front of a crude-oil cracking facility straight out of a sci-fi film where mutants on a slave planet convert poor people into snacks for the master species.

"Isn't this place great?" asked Kyle, coming in from the parking lot and wearing his still brand-new journeyman's outfit. "I start on the eight o'clock night shift. I'm totally stoked."

"Kyle, this place is freaky, and who knows what toxins there are in there."

"Shannon, for a guy with no degree, this is a good foot in the door, and if I play my cards right I can be a supervisor in a few years."

My heart felt like one of those little ducklings onto which a massive Acme cartoon anvil has fallen from a mile up. "Where's Mr. Burns' office?"

"Admin's about a mile that-away. Why are you so bummed out? I've got a real grown-up job. You should be happy for me."

I was silent.

"And look, I can maybe go

work in Libya or Abu Dhabi and make crazy money. That's where the action is. Six months in the Emirates — business class ticket each way — live in a walled compound with satellite TV and well-stocked fridges — the sky's the limit."

I sighed.

"You're always looking for fun facts. Did you know that one barrel of oil — 42 gallons — yields 44 gallons of petroleum products?"

"I didn't."

"It's because when crude oil is converted, it increases in volume. Roughly half of each barrel of crude oil is turned into gasoline for transportation."

When did Kyle drink the "New Kyle" Kool-Aid? I

"Shannon, for a guy with no degree, this is a good foot in the door, and if I play my cards right I can be a supervisor in a few years."

never saw this coming.

He asked, "Shannon, why did you want to see me, anyway? Trying to get me involved in your evil plot with the Chinese?"

"As a matter of fact, yes."

"I don't think I'm the espionage type."

"It's not espionage."

"Look, now's not the time for this. I'm going to be late on my first day if I don't get in right now." He started edging backwards toward the entryway. "Besides, this is where I'm at in my life right now. I'm an oil guy."

"Promise me you'll call if you change your mind?"

Random fact of the day

Dolly Parton once anonymously entered a "Dolly Parton look-alike contest" but lost to a drag queen.

SOURCE: WTFUNFACT.COM

Gotta go, Shannon. Bye."

I waved goodbye and got back into Danimal's BMW. I turned on the radio where Dust in the Wind by Kansas was playing and promptly began bawling.

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SURVIVAL IS MEDIUM-RARE

If you're an animal, you must be confused.

Take this new survey from Insights West in Vancouver, which shows that 88 per cent of British Columbians oppose trophy hunting.

That's the good news. The bad news is that almost the same number — 85 per cent — think it's OK to eat you.

Even more confusing, 73 per cent think it's OK to hunt animals for food.

If you could speak human, you'd probably point out that it doesn't really matter if you end up over someone's mantel or on the dinner table.

Either way, you're just as dead.

Then of course you might be a dog or a cat, a beneficiary of the \$6.5 billion that Canadians spend annually on their pets. Still, there's a risk you might end up in an animal shelter, where more than 51,000 cats, dogs and "others" are euthanized annually in Canada.

Be thankful you're not a pet turkey, especially around this



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Paul Sullivan

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time of year. You could get really confused and dead.

You also might want to avoid being a lab rat. As many as 80 million rats and mice are used for research each year, and guess what happens when you're finished serving medical science.

Yup, you're dead.

If you're looking for some evidence that attitudes are changing for the better, wag your tail. Not only do people oppose trophy hunting, only 15 per cent are in favour of killing animals for their fur. Good news if you're a beaver, though it might mean you're more likely to be sheared alive.

The Insights West survey also says that only 38 per cent are in favour of using animals in rodeos, which means you're less likely to get rope burn, spur sores and any of the other hazards that make the West Wild.

And only 56 per cent think you should be caged in a zoo

where you're expected to spend the rest of your life wearing out a concrete trough from padding back and forth, mooching for peanuts.

So if you can get over the fact that 85 per cent want you for dinner, you might think things are looking up. Especially if you're not a member of the 21,286 species threatened with extinction, according to the 49th annual Red List, a census of the world's animals maintained by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, updated just this week. And if you're a Hawaiian Crow or Wyoming Toad, you probably don't mind living at the zoo, because your species is among the 61 extinct in the wild.

Of course, if you're a member of one of the 799 completely extinct species, you're dead.

Probably the best kind of animal you can be is a big nasty critter at the top of the food chain in an inhospitable region of the world where people don't like to go — like a polar bear in the Arctic.

On second thought, if global warming keeps up, there won't be any Arctic. And you know what that means.

ZOOM

Sometimes the dentist is a zoo



SHANE GIBSON/METRO WINNIPEG

Aurora the polar bear goes under

Talk about a risky procedure.

On Tuesday morning veterinarians at the Assiniboine Park Zoo's animal hospital performed dental surgery on Aurora, the 11-month-old female cub who recently arrived at the zoo from Churchill, Man.

Thankfully Aurora was

anesthetized for the work, which Dr. Chris Enright, who heads up veterinarian services at the zoo, said isn't too different than what people get done at the dentist.

The zoo said during the procedure, veterinary staff removed two of the polar bear's baby teeth and one adult tooth that were broken and infected.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO WINNIPEG

Rarrhhh!

"Right now she's only about 110 pounds ... but she still has the attitude of a 600-pound predator. So it's certainly not safe to just ask her to open her mouth."

Dr. Chris Enright
Head of veterinarian services
Assiniboine Park Zoo

Friends at the zoo

- Aurora was brought to the zoo about a month ago.

- There are three other bears: Hudson (the oldest, and from the Toronto Zoo), Storm and another 11-month-old female who was named Kaska on Monday.

@metropicks asked: Rogers' #HNIC deal will see them assume control over #HNIC. What do you want left the same? What do you want changed?

@Fontaine_D: It won't be long before we finally see the last of Don Cherry on HNIC. Thank you Rogers!

@cjoanporter: Question: Does all this #HNIC moving to Rogers news mean I'll no longer have to see/hear

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Metro Online

Last week, AOL announced it was shutting down Winamp, one of the oldest, most venerable digital music players. Dating back to the days of Napster, Winamp was a favourite among music lovers who wanted something different than stock programs like iTunes and Windows Media Player. Sadly, the application will no longer be available for download as of Dec. 20. Fortunately, there are some free alternatives out there for those who don't need a Genius to tell them what to listen to.



CONTRIBUTED

Foobar2000 (foobar2000.org):

Offering a simple yet powerful interface, Foobar2000 isn't the drag on your computer's resources that iTunes is. It plays almost every audio file type imaginable and lets users tag their own music metadata.

VLC Media Player (videolan.org):

Arguably the most popular open-

source media player on the market, VLC is a capable replacement. As a bonus, it's available on Windows, Mac, iOS, Android and Linux, so it meets the definition of "cross-platform."

AIMP (aimp2.us):

If you just can't let Winamp go, try this clone. AIMP's interface is almost identical to Winamp's, right down to the 18-channel equalizer and modular windows.

Twitter



Don Cherry? Be then I'm all for it.

@scottmahoney94: yay monopoly

@bonnaventure: replace Don Cherry with an upturned mop w/ bucket for head. Replace Ron MacLean with Stuart McLean. Add @strombo 4 some reason less hockey, more 'who wore it best' segments.

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The success beneath the beard

Television. Exploring the hairy truth behind the smash hit Duck Dynasty and their colourful cast of redneck characters

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Reality TV has certainly gotten hairier in recent years. Remember the clean-shaven landscape of the first decade of the 2000s when cheeks were bare and exfoliated, and on top coifs were as mussed over as Ryan Seacrest's frosty tips?

The rose-toting bachelors, catwalks strutting top models, and silicone enhanced housewives who defined that era are still with us, but the idle life of mansion hopping, wine guzzling and recreational crisis-provoking that their ilk hawks has been eclipsed by a feral five o'clock shadow.

Reality that captures the current zeitgeist tends to aim its muzzle at a motley crew of outdoorsy folks who buck fashion trends and look more hobo than Hollywood.

Duck Commander founder Phil Robertson was a QB1 ahead of future hall-of-famer Terry Bradshaw at Louisiana Tech in the mid-1960s before giving up the gridiron for the duck blind.

Along with his kooky brother Si, boudin-cooking wife Miss Kay, business-savvy son Willie and the rest of the



Duck Dynasty's success has led to an number of backwater reality TV imitators. ZACH DILGARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

loveable Robertson clan, the Duck Dynasty family are the undisputed lords of the backwoods boob tube explosion that has given us hooch making Moonshiners, wild boar hunting American Hoggers, and gator wrestling Swamp People.

The bodacious Bayou beards sported by the world's favourite duck calling sons have sold umpteen books, bobbleheads, school supplies, garden gnomes, and even

Chia pets.

Their squirrel eating comedic gold melds the best parts of The Beverly Hillbillies and The Waltons with a dash of Dukes of Hazzard camp thrown in to create A&E's most successful show ever — a cable goliath aired in more than 100 countries.

The finale of Duck Dynasty's third season drew 9.6 million viewers and trounced Fox's American Idol and CBS's Survivor in the coveted

18-49 demo.

Those heavy hitters of yesteryear couldn't reach the bottom wisps of the wizened beard of the Redneck Gandalf, Phil Robertson.

Then season four's premiere blew their already boffo numbers out of the water with a record setting 11.8 million tuning in for a quacking good time.

A Reddit thread dedicated to pondering the secret of this band of bushy-faced

Reading the beards

The Duck Dynasty crew's beards are furry manifestations of the men lurking beneath them. Pogonologist Dr. Allan Peterkin reads the Robertson kin's face follicles to determine the beard statement the men are making.

- **Si.** "Substance over style."
- **Patriarch Phil.** "Longer is wiser."
- **CEO Willie.** "Seems gentle, poetic, approachable."

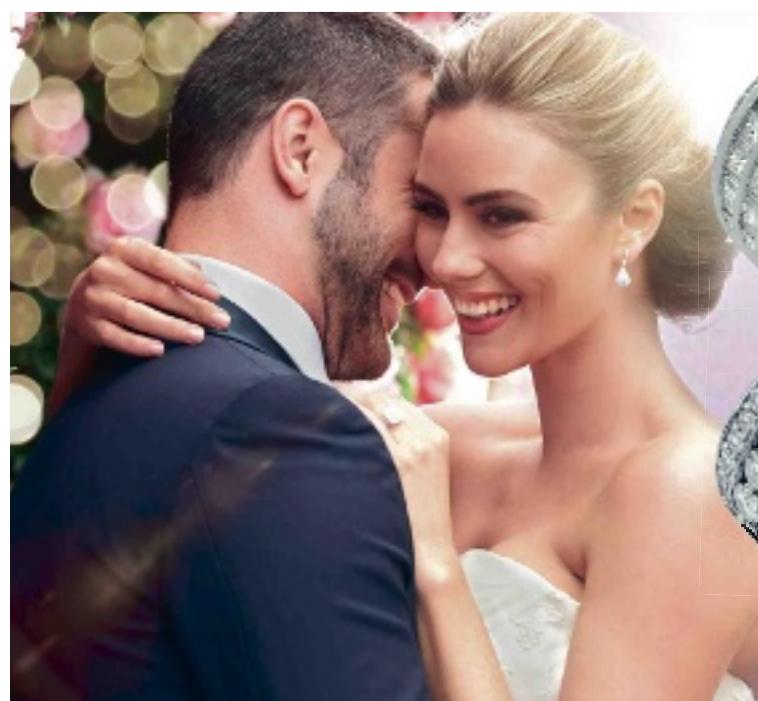
brothers' rampant popularity dwells on all sorts of cockamamie theories.

But in the end, they stand apart from their Lifestyles of the Redneck & Famous television brethren because of their cartoonish whiskers which tots will be wearing reasonable facsimiles of when they come knocking on your door for many Halloweens to come.

"They have a wild man, nature-loving, anti-authority quality that really stands out," weighs in Dr. Allan Peterkin, the author of One Thousand Beards: A Cultural History of Facial Hair, and grooming consultant for Dove's Men+Care face range.

"Their beards are an unforgettable part of their philosophy, brand, and trademark," says Peterkin.

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Frozen 3D (G) Wed-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:25
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Thu 1:25-5:20-7:50-10:20

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Homefront (13+) Wed-Thu 9:10

Drama



The Book Thief

Director. Brian Percival

Stars. Geoffrey Rush, Sophie Nelisse

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Based on an international bestseller, The Book Thief is an impassioned but understated piece of award-striving cinema focused on a young illiterate child coming of age in wartime Germany. Despite the familiarity of the emotional themes that make up The Book Thief, rising Canadian star Sophie Nelisse (Monsieur Lazhar) particularly molds the melodrama into moving entertainment and Geoffrey Rush is thoroughly watchable as the warm foster dad who teaches her to read. **STEVE GOW**

Animated



Frozen

Directors. Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee

Stars. Kristen Bell, Josh Gad, Idina Menzel

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The Princesses of Arendelle, Anna (Kristen Bell) and Elsa (Idina Menzel), are polar opposites. Anna is a warm-hearted adventurer while Elsa has the awesome power to manifest ice and snow from her fingertips. When Elsa accidentally plunges her kingdom into an endless winter Anna sets off with mountain man Kristoff (Jonathan Groff), his reindeer and a sun-worshipping snowman named Olaf (Josh Gad) to save the realm. Frozen has all the elements of classic Disney — amusing animals, catchy songs and two princesses — but wants for more complex characters. **STEVE GOW**

Action



Homefront

Director. Gary Fleder

Stars. Jason Statham, James Franco

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The first thing you need to know about Homefront is that it was scripted by Sylvester Stallone. That pretty much says everything about the thriller's severe tone, stock characterizations and messy combat choreography. Silly, but viscerally satisfying, Jason Statham plays an underground DEA agent hiding in backwoods Louisiana until his cover is blown and old enemies come calling. Homefront's cast has trouble finding the right tone — especially one-time Oscar-nominee Winona Ryder playing a completely expendable former biker chick. **STEVE GOW**

Thriller



Oldboy

Director. Spike Lee

Stars. Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Olsen

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Spike Lee's remake of Oldboy will be best appreciated by those who haven't seen the original Korean award-winner. That's because the premise of a businessman seeking bloody vengeance on whomever inexplicably locked him up for 20 years hinges on not knowing the final twist (even if Lee does alter it slightly). An assault of gratuitous violence, this update is nothing short of energetic but its lack of cohesion and expressiveness will almost certainly repel fans of the original. **STEVE GOW**

Drama

Vic & Flo
Saw a Bear

Director. Denis Cote

Stars. Pierrette Robitaille, Rohrmane Bohringer

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Recently released from prison after serving most of a life sentence, 60-something Vic (Pierrette Robitaille) craves the privacy of isolation; her younger lover Flo (Rohrmane Bohringer) is less crazy about the idea of living out in the woods beyond Montreal. The forest proves to be fertile territory for both deadpan comedy and disarming drama, but this time the director has added something new to the mix: the film has the coiled tension of a thriller and brutal late-narrative payoff that's like something out of a horror movie. **ADAM NAYMAN**

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TV. Even Jack can't defend Joffrey's creepiness

Jack Gleeson, who plays the vile adolescent King Joffrey on Game of Thrones, says he'll probably give up acting after the series ends (or after Joffrey dies horribly, which, knowing GoT, could happen a lot sooner).

"The lifestyle that comes with being an actor in a successful TV show isn't something

I gravitate towards," the Irish Trinity College student said on Dublin's Saturday Night Show.

"It was a recreation beforehand and when I started doing Game of Thrones there was, I wouldn't say pressure, but perhaps the reality became too real for me." What reality? Tumblr and Tumblrs of hatred dedicated to your own sullen face?

Maybe. Jack, who seems like a sweet guy in real life, says even he gets creeped out by Joffrey.

"You tend to abstract yourself from the creepiness of it when you're playing it, but when you see it on television it sends shivers down my spine," he says. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Jack Gleeson plays King Joffrey in Game of Thrones. **CONTRIBUTED**



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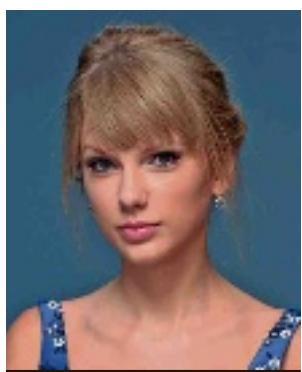
Fox not resenting her baby this time

Megan Fox is totally digging being pregnant the second time around.

"For the most part, I would say it's been a lot easier," she tells E! News recently.

"I think that could have a lot to do with the fact that I already have a baby, so I'm so distracted taking care of him that I don't really have time to sit and lament on the fact that I'm pregnant or indulge my pregnancy."

Fox and husband Brian Austin Green welcomed her son, Noah, 14 months ago.



Taylor Swift.

If I don't see you, you're not really there

Well, this must have been awkward. Taylor Swift had a pair of run-ins with ex-boyfriend Harry Styles at the American Music Awards and reportedly made a conscious effort to avoid making eye contact with him, according to Us Weekly.

Sources say that twice Swift crossed paths with the boys from One Direction and kept her laser gaze forward, refusing to acknowledge their presence.

Styles and his bandmates, by contrast, gave Swift a standing ovation when she won for Best Female Country Artist.

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Sorry Brad, there will be no private island for you

Angelina Jolie surely plans to do something special for Brad Pitt's 50th birthday next month, but that something special apparently doesn't involve buying him an island.

The NY Daily News had reported that Jolie laid out \$20 million for an 11-

acre, heart-shaped private island on New York's Lake Mahopac, but the owners of the property, named Petra Island, tell E! News that it's still for sale.

"We are open to show Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt the island, but they have to have lunch at my café first," says Donna Massaro, daughter of the island's owners.

The island would be of particular interest to Pitt since the two houses on it were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, one of his favourite architects.



Farrah Fawcett. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Do you want to own a part of Farrah Fawcett?

Farrah Fawcett's nephew Gregory Walls inherited much of the late actress' personal items, and now he's apparently looking to get rid of some of them. Walls listed 67 of Fawcett's items — including her People's Choice Award and her driver's

licence — with a Dallas-based auction house, according to Radar Online. Walls insists he's unloading the goods for the sake of her fans, writing in the auction catalogue that he decided to list the items after reading thousands of cards they'd sent her.

"It was at that moment that I felt that I would do my best to give her fans a chance to possess some of the things that were special and dear to Farrah."

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Katniss Everdeen for a day

North Carolina. Follow in the footsteps of some of your favourite tributes by visiting the sites from the Hunger Games film

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Want to shoot an arrow like Katniss or learn the art of sling shot like Rue? Whether you're a fan of the Hunger Games or an avid outdoor enthusiast, adventure awaits in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

Hike in the wilderness, learn survival skills, or just eat and drink like a celebrity — and may the odds be ever in your favour.

Hit the trails in Dupont State Recreational Forest (about an hour's drive from Asheville) where you'll discover some of the most iconic scenes from the first film. Pick up a trip planner at the Asheville Visitors Center or use the interactive online map (exploreasheville.com) to organize day trips out of Asheville.

A few points of interest in Dupont: hike to Triple Falls (from the main parking lot) to see where Katniss discovers a wounded Peeta. Or head to the scenic Bridal Veil Falls, where Katniss flees from the firestorm. (Note: The waterfalls were edited out of the film, since the tributes were always on the hunt for water.)



Recognize this waterfall? It's where Katniss hid Peeta during the Hunger Games. PHOTOS: VAWN HIMMELSBACH

If you're interested in behind-the-scenes scoop, it's well worth going on a Hunger Games Unofficial Fan Tour, where your guide will take you to locations used in the first film — locations that would be near impossible to find on your own. You'll also learn archery, sling shot and special-effects camouflage, and eat lunch featuring foods that your favourite tributes would have eaten. Day tours run from April to October and cost \$59 US; visit hungergamesunofficialfantours.com for more info.

You can also visit Henry River Mill Village, the location for District 12. Because of vandalism, this abandoned mill town

about an hour east of Asheville is closed to the public, but you can take a Hunger Games Unofficial Fan Tour for \$50 US. Or, head to Chimney Rock Park for short hikes and rock climbs (also the filming location of *The Last of the Mohicans*).

Where to stay:

Spend the night at Hotel Indigo, where Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth stayed during the shoot. This boutique hotel has a contemporary vibe, with unique local touches such as wall murals in each room of nature scenes taken by a local photographer.

Until March 31, Hotel Indigo is offering a Hunger Games



Metro's intrepid travel writer Vawn Himmelsbach channels her inner Katniss Everdeen during an archery lesson in North Carolina.

Real or not real?

package, which includes two nights accommodation, a \$15-per-person gift card for lunch at Early Girl Eatery, chocolate chip cookies in your room (Jennifer and Josh's favourite), as well as local Hunger Games trivia. Prices begin at \$290 US; email snewton@hilhotels.com for more info.

What to do:

Head to Lexington Avenue Brewery for brisket mac 'n cheese or mountain trout tacos. Alternatively, go to the Laughing Seed Café, where vegan Woody Harrelson went for vegetarian fare. Then head to The Southern for a vanilla bourbon mint julep on the patio.

To get your heart racing, check out Nantahala Outdoor Center for whitewater rafting and zip line tours. You can also hone your outdoor

Hunger Games Unofficial Fan Tours will be offering guided tours behind the making of *Catching Fire* in Atlanta, Ga. You'll visit film locations via private shuttle, learn archery, play archery tag and make your own volcanic rock. Tours start Dec. 14, running through 2014 (\$94 US). For die-hard fans take a full weekend, which includes themed accommodations and food, survival training, banquet and game simulation (beginning April 2014 for \$599 US).

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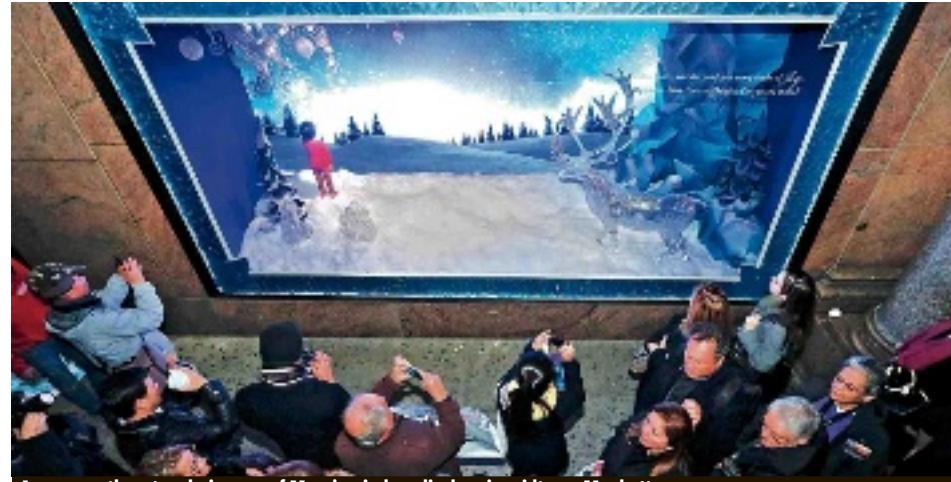
Manhattan's retailers have a long history of spreading Christmas cheer through displays

Forget window shopping, some of Manhattan's biggest and most storied retailers say their elaborate seasonal window displays are a gift to passers-by.

Reimagining every major holiday covered in a slick coating of ice, recreating cozy Christmas morning scenes and paying homage to a local legend can be a yearlong labour of love.

"Every store has their own style," says David Hoey, senior director of visual presentation at Bergdorf Goodman. "We try to pick a theme that will lend itself for us to go to town. We all do."

At his corner of 57th Street and Fifth Avenue, arguably one of the most famous shopping intersections in the world, Hoey isn't just celebrating



A group gathers to admire one of Macy's window displays in midtown Manhattan. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christmas, he's paying homage to 12 holidays, including Valentine's Day, Independence Day and Halloween.

Kitty-corner from Bergdorf is Tiffany & Co. and its scenes that aim to capture the New York holiday of your best dreams and memories. "We are telling a story of the lives that go on here and the interactions that happen on Christmas Day

and on that morning in New York City," says Richard Moore, vice-president of creative visual merchandising.

"It's about holiday spirit and celebrated tradition. The windows are for all ages, all different cultures. We just want you to stop and look and engage in our windows," he adds.

Here's what window watchers can see now through the

end of December, all located in midtown New York:

Barneys NY: Barneys' holiday collaboration with Jay Z, whose full name is Shawn Corey Carter, certainly has created the most headlines, but not for the windows or the BNY SCC collection items they feature. The focus has been on the partnership in the midst of customers'

accusations of racial profiling while they were buying expensive items.

The windows, though, are trained on high tech with interactive installations that feature light shows and a virtual sleigh ride with Santa and Mrs. Claus, fresh off Madison Avenue makeovers.

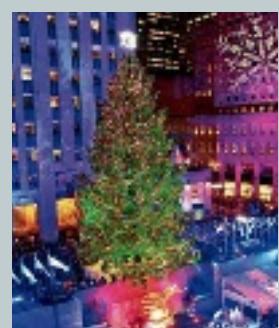
Bergdorf Goodman: The Holidays on Ice theme exists in a "sort-of time warp," Hoey says. There are details from the 17th through 21st centuries — and all coated with a little glimmer and shimmer.

Bloomingdale's: A quick trip around the block seems a trip around the world, with oversized packages celebrating shopping around the world, including France, Italy and China — and New York, of course.

Macy's: A little boy journeys through an enchanted forest, meeting all sorts of extraordinary characters along the way, then comes away with belief in faith and some magical dreams.

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N.Y.C. tree lightings



• **South Street Seaport.** 19 Fulton St. Tree lighting Nov. 29, 6 p.m. Along with the lighting ceremony, See/Change's ice rink will open and there will be live music.

• **Madison Square Park.** Entrance at 25th Street and Fifth Avenue. Tree lighting Dec. 10, 3:30 p.m. This tradition will brighten up the park again this year, as will performances by the New York Life Singers and Audra Rox.

• **Rockefeller Center.** 30 Rockefeller Plz. Tree lighting: Dec. 4, 7 p.m.

Holiday outings

Head to the market for festive cheer



ON THE MOVE
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Did the holiday season sneak up on you? A Christmas themed getaway will help jump start your festive spirit.

In the past several years Toronto and Vancouver have done a wonderful job re-creating the cheer and charm that is a traditional European Christmas market. Located in the city's historic Distillery District, this year's Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market runs from Friday, November 29 through to Sunday, December 15. The entire area is decked out for the holidays complete with lighting and décor displays, roving carolers and traditional wooden booths selling locally handcrafted goods, decorations and Christmas themed foods. Many of the booths feature items from Eastern European countries, Holland and Germany, where the tradition of Christmas markets began in the early 1400s. An added bonus is



An entertainer at Toronto's Distillery District Christmas Market.
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the expanded liquor licence, which allows visitors to enjoy an authentic holiday beverage including mulled wine and hot rum by an outdoor fire.

Vancouver's Christmas Market is located in the heart of the city on the outdoor plaza at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. It runs from now right up until Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Many of the 45 vendors have come from Germany. However, the beauty of the market is that it is much more than just a craft fair. Picture strolling through romantic rows of little wooden huts decorated in pine branches and illuminated with strings of little white lights while listening to holiday music in the background. For the Vancouver market, there is an admission charge of \$3 for children and adults during the week, with

the fee increasing to \$6 for adults on the weekends.

For a more traditional Dickensian Christmas, head to Morrisburg, Ontario, located about an hour and a half from Kingston. Upwards of one million white lights adorn the buildings of the historic Upper Canada Village for Alight at Night, running from December 6 through to January 4. The surrounding grounds are looped with coloured lights, and within this illuminated nineteenth century town, where time stopped around 1867, there are sleigh rides, Victorian Christmas meals, toy train rides, and places to purchase one-of-a-kind artisanal gifts. If you want to stay over you can actually spend the night in the Village at Montgomery House.

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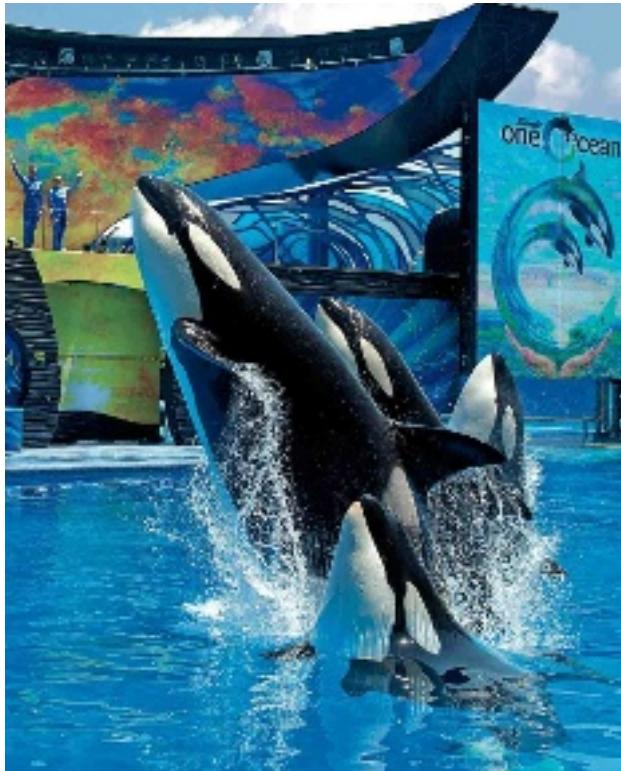
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Get away on the Getaway

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Start the new year off right by sailing on the first cruise ship to be launched in 2014 — the spanking new 4,000-passenger Getaway. The Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) ship arrives in January and emulates the tropical glitz and glamour of her home port of Miami.

"The Getaway's unique venues celebrate the heritage and culture of Miami and south Florida," says NCL CEO Kevin Sheehan. "We want guests to experience a taste of Miami with food and drinks that reflect the city."

The Tropicana Room is inspired by the Miami Beach nightlife of the 1940s and '50s. Enjoy Latin food and flair at the Flamingo Bar & Grill. Reflect on Ernest Hemingway's Key West history at the Sunset Bar. However, don't miss the coolest place to chill — the Svedka/In-niskillin Ice Bar, featuring Art Deco-style decor that's reminiscent of Miami Beach's famous Ocean Drive.

Sizzling entertainment includes Latin-inspired dance productions by Broadway sensation Burn the Floor. Performances of the seven-time Tony Award nominated musical Legally Blonde are scheduled. Hilarious comedy headliners arrive from Levity Entertainment. Or sing to catchy tunes with the Howl at the Moon duelling piano players.

A first of its kind at sea is the Illusionarium, a mesmerizing dining and entertainment experience that will fascinate guests with performances of world-class



The 4,000-passenger Getaway arrives in January.



The three-storey sports complex features an aqua park with five waterslides, two swimming pools and one of the largest multi-level elevated ropes course.

magicians and supernatural special effects.

Another first is the Grammy Experience, which includes artifacts chosen by the Grammy Museum, along with live performances by past winners and nominees.

Foodies can feast at 27 dining venues, including celebrity chef and Food Network star Geoffrey Zakarian's three dining spots. Buddy Valastro, star of the TLC ser-

ies Cake Boss, also has his famous Carlo's Bakery on board.

For families, Nickelodeon offers the opportunity to meet SpongeBob SquarePants, Patrick Star, Dora the Explorer and Diego. There will also be a pirate-themed Nickelodeon Kids' Aqua Park where children can cool off with larger-than-life characters from Bikini Bottom.

The three-storey sports

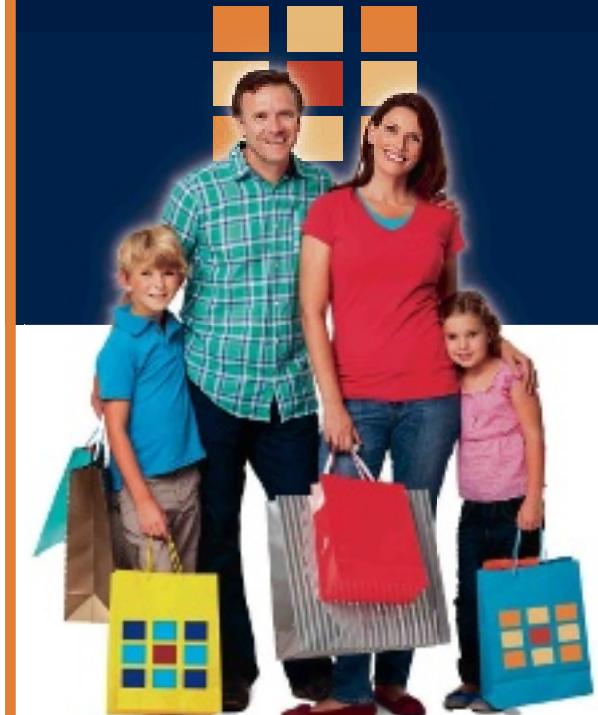
complex features an aqua park with five waterslides, two swimming pools and one of the largest multi-level elevated ropes course. It challenges guests to more than 40 different elements, including a zip-line track. But for a real thrill and ultimate test of your courage, step out on to the "Plank," a platform that extends eight feet over the side of the ship.

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This creamy, rich-tasting soup is very nutritious. I like to serve it garnished with reduced-fat sour cream, diced plum tomatoes or a sprinkle of shredded cheddar cheese.

- Spray a nonstick saucepan with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Cook the onion, carrot and garlic, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until softened.

- Set aside 1/2 cup of the

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- one 19 oz can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/2 tsp granulated sugar
- 3/4 tsp cumin
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup diced avocado and reduced-fat sour cream

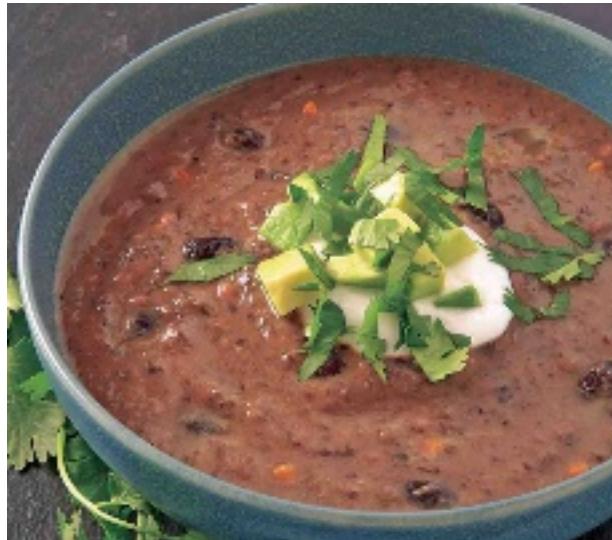
black beans. Add the remaining beans, stock, sugar and cumin to the vegetable mixture. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until the carrots are tender.

- Purée soup in blender

or food processor, working in batches. Return to saucepan. Stir in reserved beans.

- Ladle the soup into individual bowls and garnish with cilantro and avocado and sour cream.

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- Preheat contact grill. (If contact grill has more than one temp setting, set to high.)

- Slice rolls in half and place, cut side down, on grill. With lid open, grill for 1 minute.

- Evenly divide cheese, aspara-

gus and red pepper among rolls to make 4 sandwiches. Sprinkle with pepper, if using.

- Spread 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of butter on the outside of each roll. Be sure to butter both sides.

- Place sandwiches on grill and close tightly. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown and crisp. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ 125 BEST INDOOR GRILL RECIPES BY ILANA SIMON (ROBERT ROSE INC., ROBERTROSE.CA, 2013).**

Drink of the Week

Juicy Dreams

Bourbon has all the qualities for a cold weather base: warming, festive, affordable and compatible. And because of those qualities, you don't need to do much to it to create a terrific cocktail.

- Ice
- 2 oz bourbon
- 1 oz Lillet
- 1/2 oz lemon juice
- 2 oz pomegranate juice

In an ice-filled cocktail shaker, combine the bourbon, Lillet, lemon juice and pomegranate juice. Shake, then strain into an ice-filled tumbler. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Ingredients

- 4 kaiser rolls
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated sharp cold-pack cheddar cheese
- 8 spears asparagus, trimmed and steamed
- 1/4 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter, room temperature, divided



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How to stretch your teaching degree far beyond the desks and dictation

DANIEL MOORE
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Even if you find a career path you love, it's always a good idea to be aware of industries and roles that match your skills and experience. This is particularly true of teaching, which some individuals explore and discover isn't for them — while others have trouble landing a teaching job in the first place.

How do you find a career outside the classroom when all of your education and work experience have taken place inside those four cozy walls? Also, how do you repurpose an education degree on paper to convince an employer that you're qualified to pursue a different calling?

Most of all, can you find a job that will rival the joy and passion you have for educating and inspiring young minds?

Yes. Here's how.

Discover your core values

Leaving a field for which you've spent years training is unnerving. It can lead to questioning long-cherished goals in both your personal and professional life.

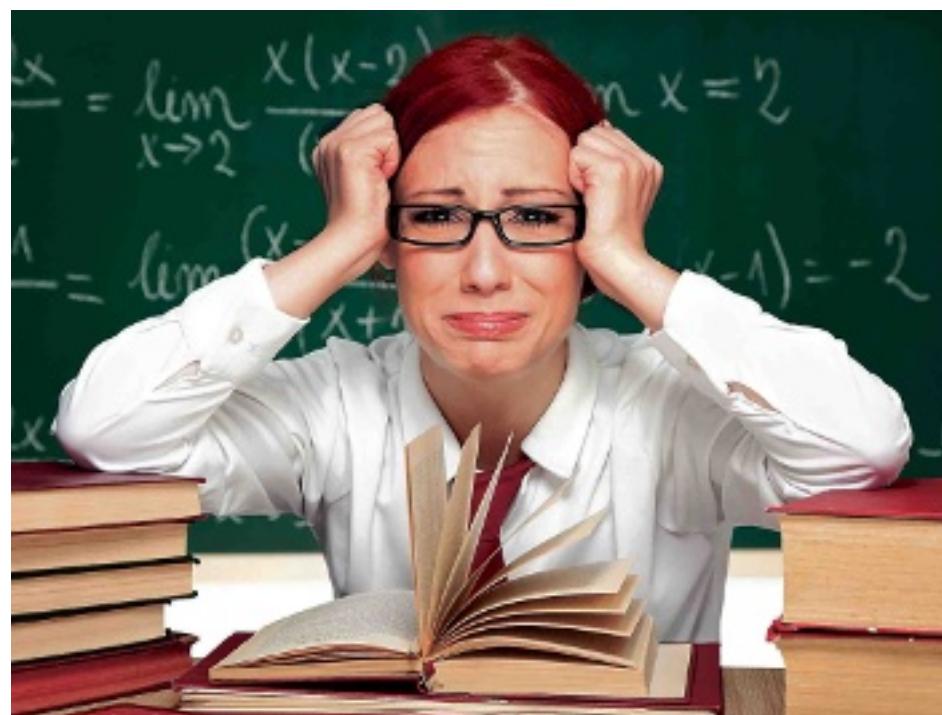
This may sound a little horrible, and ridden with a whole new set of crises, but it's actually the best way forward.

Michelle Dunn, a career coach and former teacher, says that any major career shift needs to be preceded by a genuine reflection about one's core strengths and values. "The next thing that happens to pop up may not be the best thing," she cautions.

"When career coaching, we start with who the person is, what's important to them and their strengths. Getting really clear about those things will help you leverage your skills to turn to something else."

Identify your transferrable skills

Identifying those skills can



If handling a hoard of pupils isn't quite the job you'd imagined, there are plenty of other paths to pursue. [ISTOCK](#)

You've got the goods

If you can maintain discipline and leadership in a classroom of 30 kids, you can definitely do that in an organization."

Michelle Dunn
Career coach and former teacher

be difficult coming from a field defined so much by what seems like just one duty: teach stuff. But teachers employ a mass of skills getting a class of 14-year-olds ready to sit down and write an essay on Romeo and Juliet, urbanization or the electoral process.

Teachers research, transfer knowledge, manage diverse groups of individuals, learn new software, evaluate performance, participate in professional development activities, facilitate, work independently and exercise authority.

They also engage in public speaking, presenting complex topics to rowdy audiences!

When writing a cover letter or résumé, the trick, as always, is to disassociate the tasks from the setting. The setting will change, but the tasks essentially remain

the same. As Michelle points out: "If you can maintain discipline and leadership in a classroom of 30 kids, you can definitely do that in an organization."

Consider the "helping professions"

Of course, the easiest transition occurs when your skills transfer so naturally it doesn't seem like a daunting change at all.

For teachers, a natural transition is into what Michelle calls "helping professions": training, coaching or advising roles, either within the education sector, but outside the classroom, or in a department with a strong people-focused mandate, like human resources.

Michelle has led plenty of workshops for teachers moving into these fields. She says it's a natural transition since "they want to help people and see them reach their potential," and that's what they're already adept at.

In her own case, Michelle moved into career coaching after teaching abroad for four years and raising two children. It offered a way to build naturally on her interests in counseling and psychology — part of her B.A. work — and "still do what I loved and knew how to do."

A successful switch

Fifteen years ago, Cam McRae left an established teaching career in Vancouver to start an e-magazine for mountain biking in the North Shore area.

- It was a bold move for someone who didn't know much about creating websites or managing a business. But he had just returned from a year of teaching (and riding) in Italy, which gave him a new perspective on what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.
- His website, [NSMB.com](#), now boasts a sizeable following and several

heavyweight sponsors in the outdoor industry. He still holds on to his teaching credentials, just in case, but he doesn't regret his career move.

- His advice for current teachers considering a similar 180°: "It depends on your employment and family responsibilities. But generally my advice is to go for it; we regret more what we don't do than what we do. Also, the flexibility of teaching — summers, holidays — can allow you to start developing your new interest on the side at first. So take advantage of that."

obtaining new credentials along the way, but it can also be done by drawing on the extraordinary work ethic and nerve honed in the classroom.

Contrary to the popular belief that says teachers can't cut it in the cruel world of business, Michelle argues that teachers are native entrepreneurs. They have intuition,

drive, excellent people skills and loads of self-direction. These are the skills needed to start something new and develop it into a sustainable livelihood.

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Sometimes a boost can be just what you need to jump start your career and finding a mentor might be the way to do just that.

The mentor-mentee relationship is a precious one. The mentor can coach their mentee in their chosen field and open up a whole variety of opportunities to them, while the mentee keeps their teacher abreast of current feelings and developments of the age group in that industry.

After you've decided what you might look for in a

mentor (think: someone you like who works in your field of interest and, as an added bonus, has a strong network within the industry), try to brainstorm where you could meet said person. Here are some to start you off:

Where to meet a mentor

Networking events

Signing up for networking events can be a really great way to meet potential mentors and it's a useful strategy to get your foot in the door of your industry of interest.

School

Universities or colleges often employ industry professionals to teach classes and making use of these connections to the outside world can provide you with

a mentor that understands the culture of the classroom and of the workplace.

Social media

Do you have a blog or Twitter account that you love to follow? If someone is posting things that are both interesting and relevant to your chosen field, they probably have other information that they'd love to share with you!

What to do once you've met a potential mentor

Ask for advice, not mentorship

Hatch your relationship by asking your potential mentor for advice about something, instead of making the overly formal request of "Will you be my mentor?"

With any luck, your relationship will blossom from there.

Stay in touch

Once you've met your mentor, hopefully you will have had the chance to get their contact details.

Send them an email saying how great it was to meet them and recall an interesting part of your conversation to signal to them that you were listening and you were engaged with what they were saying.

Ask them questions, but don't bombard them

A good mentor does want to help you, but don't take advantage of their good nature.

Chances are, they are very busy and don't have a whole lot of time to reply to inquiries. Don't ask them



Asking someone to be your mentor may overwhelm them, as they won't know what that

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Pick up that phone!

Keep them posted on your progress

- If your mentor helped you with a certain problem or question, then drop them a line every so often to let them know how they helped you solve it and what you're doing now.
- It lets them know just how valuable their advice really was.

huge numbers of questions all at once and try to keep these questions as succinct as possible.

Say 'thank you'

Obviously. Put your good manners to good use!

Follow these tips on finding your perfect mentor and soon you'll be walking off into the sunset, hand-in-hand (but probably not — best to keep things professional, after all.)

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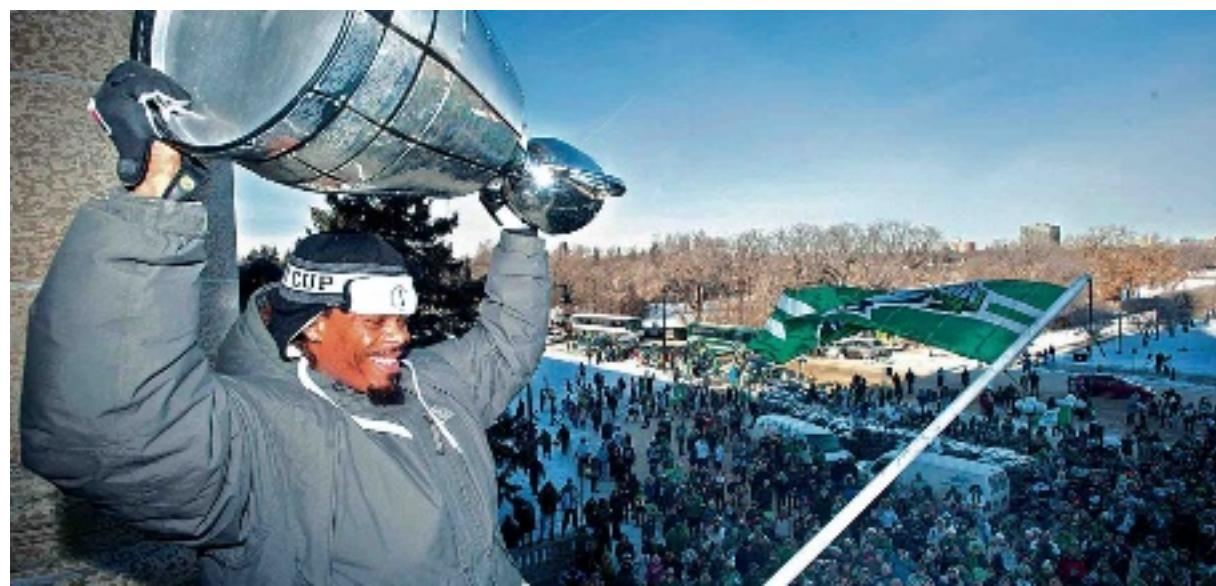
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Grey Cup champs take smooth ride down Green Mile

Roughriders defensive back Dwight Anderson lifts the Grey Cup for fans to see while on a balcony at the Saskatchewan Legislative building on Tuesday in Regina. The championship parade saw flatbed trucks carry players from Mosaic Stadium, through part of downtown Regina dubbed the "Green Mile", to the legislature. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

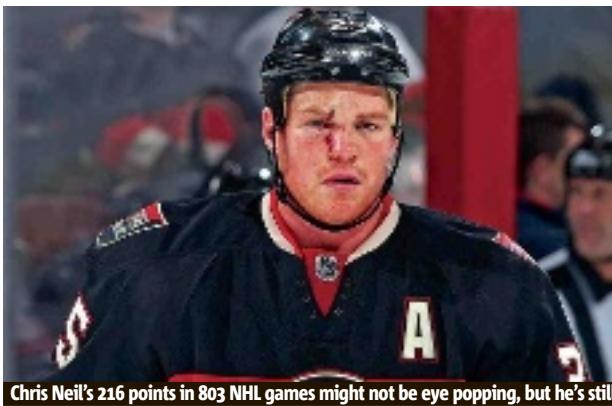
Sens' Neil a cut above the average tough guy



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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At age 34, the Senators' Chris Neil plays a young man's game. Whether it's delivering a big hit or challenging the opposition's toughest players, he's always willing to answer the bell. And Neil's been doing that for a dozen years now.

A third-line grinder, Neil is the epitome of the perfect foot soldier who plays within his means. Although he's often the subject of the odd Paul MacLean barb — the most recent being that "he's getting better looking everyday" after taking an errant Erik Karlsson cross-ice dump in to his brow — the coach respects Neil enough to give him an A for his efforts. Neil wears it with pride and leads by example. His 85 hits



Chris Neil's 216 points in 803 NHL games might not be eye popping, but he's still one of the most reliable players of the 1998 draft class. JANA CHYTILOVA/GETTY IMAGES

rank sixth league-wide.

The 1998 sixth-round selection recently surpassed the 800-game plateau — one of only 14 players in that draft to reach that mark. His 2,056 penalty minutes are twice as many as any player taken that year.

The Flesherton, Ont., native

has always had a penchant for taking penalties. The NHL's active PIM leader ranks 49th all-time and is steadily climbing the notorious ladder. While Neil performs with edge, surprisingly he's never earned a suspension. He's come close several times but never felt the

league's wrath.

While Neil has spent the equivalent of more than 34 games in the sin bin, the right winger isn't one-dimensional. He has a decent shot and the ability to chip in the odd goal. With four this season, Neil is two shy of 100 for his career. He's scored 10 or more five times, including a career-high 16 in 2005-06.

Like most role players, Neil is the opposite off the ice. He and wife Caitlyn are Honorary Chairs for Roger's House after taking the reins from Mike Fisher when he was dealt to Nashville.

Neil will always have his detractors. He's not fleet of foot or offensively gifted. He can drive coaches batty by taking a penalty at an inopportune moment. But what you see is what you get. In a Sens season mired with inconsistencies, there is one constant: Chris Neil.

NHL

Canes' Westgarth banned 2 games Borowiecki hit

Carolina Hurricanes forward Kevin Westgarth has been suspended for two games without pay by the NHL for a boarding hit.

The league's department of player safety announced Westgarth's suspension Tuesday.

Westgarth was suspended for his hit on Ottawa defenceman Mark Borowiecki at 7:55 of the first period of Sunday's game.

Borowiecki was injured and did not return. Westgarth received a two-minute boarding penalty.

The league says Westgarth will forfeit \$7,435.90 and the money will go to the players' emergency assistance fund.

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NBA

\$48M from Lakers 'easy to accept,' Bryant says

Wearing his practice shorts and a sweatshirt, Kobe Bryant looked as if he was ready to return action.

After the Los Angeles Lakers signed the fourth-leading scoring in NBA history to a two-year, \$48-million contract extension, Bryant said he can't wait to play.

"The Lakers came up with the structure — a system and a plan they thought was a win-win for everybody involved. From my perspective, it was very easy to accept it," Bryant said.

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Burleson looking to deliver W's in Detroit

NFL. Freshly returned receiver reignites Lions' 1-2 punch with pass catcher Johnson

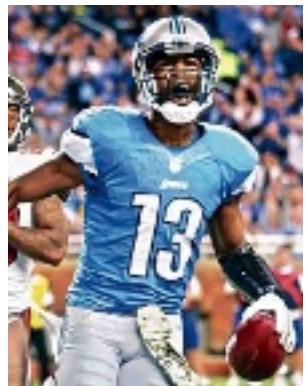
Nate Burleson caught a touchdown pass in his first game back from an arm injury, then held the ball aloft like it was a freshly made pizza.

"I buckled my seatbelt first," the Detroit receiver said.

The quirky celebration was classic Burleson — and his return after missing two months following a car crash was one of the few bright spots in the Lions' 24-21 loss to Tampa Bay on Sunday. Burleson broke his left arm in the one-car accident in late September, saying he was distracted by pizza boxes sliding off the front passenger seat before his car hit a wall.

So after scoring a touchdown in the second quarter against the Buccaneers, Burleson pretended he was delivering a pizza in the end zone.

The Lions hope Burleson can provide more than just



Lions receiver Nate Burleson celebrates his touchdown against the Bucs on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

laughs as the season draws to a close and he looks ready to contribute. The 32-year-old receiver caught seven passes for 77 yards Sunday, giving Detroit some much-needed receiving depth for quarterback Matthew Stafford. Afterward, Burleson seemed no worse for wear.

"I came out of the game OK. I was good," Burleson said Tuesday. "My arm held up. It was more just soreness from getting

hit. I felt like I was in an accident all over again. It felt good, though, actually."

Burleson has 26 catches in the four games he's played this season, enabling the Lions to rely a bit less on star receiver Calvin Johnson. Detroit still lost after turning the ball over five times, but the Lions will be back on track if they can beat Green Bay on Thursday.

The annual Thanksgiving showcase hasn't been pleasant for Detroit. The Lions have lost nine straight times on the holiday.

Detroit (6-5) is tied for first in the NFC North with Chicago, and Green Bay (5-5-1) is right behind. When the Lions lost to the Packers 22-9 on Oct. 6, a banged-up Johnson didn't play.

Johnson's knee has been troublesome this year, and he didn't practice Tuesday, but it still looks like he and Burleson will both be on the field Thursday.

"We've got chemistry there," Johnson said. "It's great to have Nate back again. I know Matt's happy to have him back." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer

United recovering from 'choppy' flight

A plane carrying players and coaching staff from Manchester United to Germany ahead of a Champions League match had to abort its landing because another aircraft was still on the runway.

United confirmed reports that the plane

was preparing to land at Cologne airport on Tuesday when it was forced to pull up again. No one was injured, the pilot apologized and the plane finally touched down behind schedule.

United defender Rio Ferdinand said in a Twitter post: "Landed in Germany...just....I've only just recovered after that choppy landing!"

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NFL

"I think the players are smart enough to understand that if you are 3-8, everybody is playing for their jobs."

Washington Redskins head coach Mike Shanahan after Monday night's 27-6 loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

MLB

New criticism of Selig added to A-Rod's lawsuit

Alex Rodriguez's lawyers updated his lawsuit against Major League Baseball and Bud Selig, adding new criticism of the commissioner for not testifying in the union's grievance to overturn the 211-game suspension given to the Yankees star. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hall of Fame. Maddux headlines new hopefuls



Greg Maddux GETTY IMAGES FILE

Four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux, two-time winner Tom Glavine and two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas are among 19 newcomers on this year's Hall of Fame ballot, joining steroid-tainted holdovers Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

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Montreal	24	13	9	2	64	51	28
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Florida	25	7	13	5	56	81	19
Buffalo	25	5	19	1	44	79	11

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	25	15	9	1	72	58	31
Washington	24	12	10	2	72	68	26
NY Rangers	24	12	12	0	48	59	24
New Jersey	24	9	10	5	50	58	23
Carolina	24	9	10	5	49	67	23
Philadelphia	23	10	11	2	50	56	22
Columbus	24	9	12	3	62	71	21
NY Islanders	24	8	13	3	68	82	19

TUESDAY'S RESULT

Anaheim at Dallas

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Winnipeg 3 New Jersey 1

Boston 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT)

Columbus 6 Toronto 0

Florida 3 Philadelphia 1

Tampa Bay 5 NY Rangers 0

Nashville 4 Phoenix 2

St. Louis 3 Minnesota 0

Chicago 5 Edmonton 1

Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 2 (OT)

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Anaheim at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Lakers at Washington

Brooklyn at Toronto

Orlando at Atlanta

Golden State at New Orleans

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.

Memphis at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Houston, 8 p.m.

Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Getzlaf, Ana	13	14	27
Tavares, NYI	10	17	27
Malkin, Phg	4	23	27
Kane, Chi	13	13	26
Perry, Ana	13	12	25
H. Sedin, Van	7	18	25
Little, Win	12	12	24
Toews, Chi	12	12	24
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2014 BMW 4-Series

Review. Sometimes you need to break away to really come into your own

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It's a breakup of a different sort. BMW's newest two-door model has separated from its former 3 Series sedan counterpart, changed its name, undergone a major facelift and emerged as one of the more attractive models in the automaker's lineup.

The 4 Series represents part of BMW's master strategy of re-branding the coupe and convertible lineup using even-number nomenclature exclusively (2, 4 and 6), while the sedan range sticks with odd numbers (3, 5 and 7).

For the 2015 model year the current 1 Series vehicles will be rebooted as 2 Series coupes and convertibles. The newly christened 4 Series appears to have strayed only slightly from the previous 3 Series, but is a bit wider and longer.

The changes that have occurred in the 4-Series lower the car's centre of gravity and, along with a number of structural and suspension adjustments specific to it, are aimed at providing a more sporting experience along with creating a sharper personal-luxury image. Don't look for any dramatic changes when it comes to the 4 Series powertrains that are already in use in a number of BMWs. The 428i uses a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder



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engine that cranks out 241 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque.

Moving up to the 435i puts you in control of a 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine that generates 300 horsepower and 300 pound-feet of torque. By BMW's stopwatch, the 428i will propel the coupe to 60 mph in 6.0 seconds, while the stronger 435i gets it done in 5.3 seconds. To help conserve fuel, there's a standard stop/start function that shuts off the engine when the car is stopped, which of course saves fuel.

An eight-speed automatic is the base choice with either engine, but you can swap it out for a six-speed manual gearbox, should you be so inclined. You can also equip each edition with BMW's xDrive all-wheel-drive option that's probably a wise move in this country where winter is a fact of life. From the driver and front pas-

senger's perspective there's little to differentiate the 4 Series Coupe from its former sedan mate. The controls and switches are legible to a fault and convey a keen sense of quality.

Both front and rear-seat riders (there's room for just two in the split-folding back seat) sit on standard Sensatec (faux leather) upholstery and have ample views out the generously sized front and side windows. That's in sharp contrast to cars such as the Audi TT coupe. Selecting a base 428i will set you back \$47,000 (\$57,000 for the 435i) and includes premium items such as climate control with memory settings, power moonroof, eight-way power front seats, rain-sensing wipers and run-flat tires, which gets rid of a traditional spare.

However, that's just the warm-up. Each model can be upgraded with Luxury Line, Sport Line and M Sport trims,

2014 BMW 4-Series

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-/all-wheel-drive four-passenger coupe
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (241); 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (300)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic; six-speed manual (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$47,000

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Design

Compared to the 3 Series sedan, the roofline is lower by about five centimetres and the ride height has been reduced by about 1.5 centimetres. The fenders also bulge more than the sedan's, and the space between the front and rear axles has increased a bit

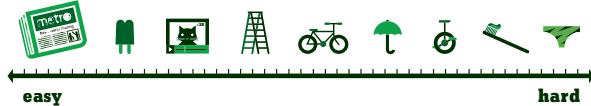
with the latter including an aerodynamic body kit, sporty 18-inch wheels (17-inchers are standard) and well-bolstered sport seats covered in premium leather.

Historically, BMW purchasers have had no problem adding these and other extra-cost toppings (even

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Tech-ing time to settle: latest in-car gadgetry not as smart as you think



The 2015 Audi A3 Sedan is a WiFi hot spot and will be the first to offer 4G LTE service inside a vehicle. PHOTO: AUDI

Problems. Complaints coming from all major demographics unhappy with infotainment and connectivity within their vehicles



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ing as brilliantly and easily as advertised." And we really want these things to work, because we're spending more and more time in our vehicles.

Mike VanNieuwkuyl, Executive Director, Global Quality Practice, J.D. Power, recently held fourth on this "in-car experience" topic at the 2013 TalkAUTO conference in Toronto, and noted that, these days, more malfunctions are happening in the navigation and infotainment areas than anywhere else on the vehicle.

In addition to outright malfunctions, his firm also identified a large source of irritants that is more related to bad design than it is to things breaking down. One irritant group was characterized as "soft inadequacies, where needs are addressed but not as preferred" (I only wish I made that up). Another irritant group is tech stuff that is just misaligned with expectations.

A lot of voice command issues fall into these two groups. VanNieuwkuyl said customers complain about the technology profusely, but rank it only second to "touch screen" as the preferred way to control their navigation systems: "Even though many think voice command is terrible, they still want it," said VanNieuwkuyl. "They're waiting for someone to do it right."

After VanNieuwkuyl's report, several automobile

dealers assembled on stage to discuss current and various automotive industry trends from their perspective, and it was soon apparent that dealerships are finding themselves on the sharp end of the stick, when it comes to customers' frustrations and learning curves with in-car technologies. Even though they didn't say it outright, you got the sense they felt the automakers weren't doing their share, in educating their customers on how all these complex systems work.

But the dealers had some really good ideas about how to deliver some of the training and information customers need. Because there is just not enough time to demonstrate how everything works when customers take their cars home for the first time, they had to get creative. One dealer conducts a "second delivery" right at the customer's home. Another encourages salespeople to stay in touch with customers 24/7 via smart phones. Another thought that owner manuals should be converted to a series of short videos, which could be uploaded to YouTube or available as smart phone apps. Another dealer was contemplating something like the Apple Genius Bar.

I hope these ideas work, and I hope grumpy old men will always feel free to express themselves.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Your critical thinking may not be as sharp as it usually is, so be careful what you allow yourself to believe. There are a lot of strange ideas in the world. You also started a few.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Quick decisions are not always good and the planets warn that you should reserve judgment on important issues unless you are absolutely sure of your stance. Even then, err on the side of caution.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Stop worrying about things over which you have no control. As the Sun moves through your opposite sign, there are a lot of things others say and do that you cannot influence. It's no big deal.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You could find yourself at a loose end today, uncertain of your next move. Who says you have to move at all? Why not let life come to you for a change. You don't have to be a go-getter all the time.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It may be tempting to take a risk today but the planets warn you will most likely regret it. There is only one thing you can be sure of at the moment and that is you cannot really be sure of anything.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you are smart, you will fight the impulse to take a shortcut. If you try to cut corners, you will be asking for trouble and trouble is not the kind of guest to turn down an invitation.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You need realize that some kind of scheme is not in the least bit practical. It may be a blow to your ego but there are other useful things you could be doing with your time.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you poke your nose into a friend's personal issues you will get no thanks for it at all, no matter how well-intentioned or useful your advice may be. Some people need to learn from their own mistakes.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There are changes taking place in your life and almost all of them are good, so go with the flow and don't be scared to move in a direction you have not been before.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

There are so many interesting things going on in the world around you that you won't be able to focus on one thing for any length of time. That's OK. Variety is needed to get your creative juices flowing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Nothing in life stays the same for long so if something (or someone) goes out of your life over the next 24 hours, bid it a fond farewell and start looking for something better to replace it.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Work-related matters must be handled with care, especially if you are one of those Pisceans who tends to be a bit reckless in your attitude towards people in positions of power.

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Across

1. Posh title
6. Much, slangy-ly
11. Hat
14. Trees: White poplar
15. Off-Broadway theatrical awards
16. Have payments
17. Bungle
18. Prescription warning, ___ directed
19. Campaigned
20. Paving stone
21. Perish
22. Newfoundland's official bird, Atlantic

24. Way out there

26. "Indoors ___?"
(Summer eater's query)

27. Drenched: 2 wds.

29. Ballottings

31. Ms. Rimes

32. Siestas

33. Fasten to the bulletin board

37. Do the tango

38. Mel of baseball

39. Capital of India,

New

40. Mr. Hershiser

41. "Je ne ___ quoi."

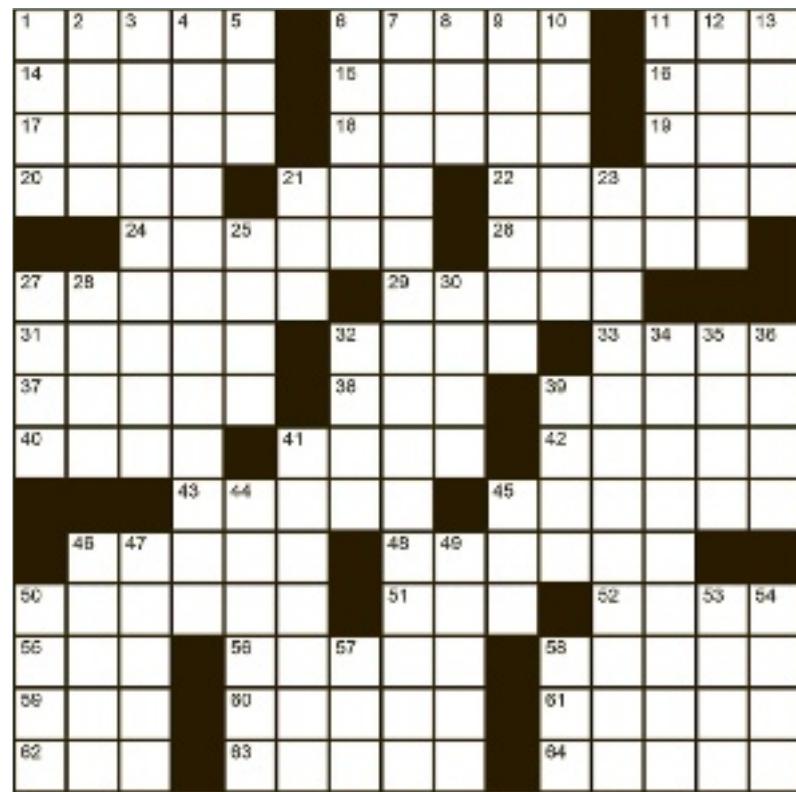
42. Remixer/producer, William ___

43. Prefix to 'dontist'
(Braces giver)

45. Horrified

46. ___-___ agent
(Former employee at The Company)

48. Famous casino in Las Vegas, Golden ___



50. Country star

Dwight

51. CSI evidence

52. Sarah ___

55. Keyboard key

56. Country classic:
"By the ___ Get to Phoenix"

58. LED = Light-Emitting ___

59. Plum part

60. Put on ___
(Fake it)

61. ___ in the air
(That's still uncertain)

62. Ski hill machine,
___-Cat

63. Big bags

64. Sailing: 2 wds.

Down

1. Chef Emeril La-gasse's sounds!

2. Classic comic strip,
___ the Agent

3. Dermatology: Type of injectable filler
___-Cat

4. Functional landmark in Halifax since 1803: 3 wds.

5. Modern

6. 1963 The Kingsmen hit, when doubled

7. Calgary Tower's dazzling rotating feature: 2 wds.

8. Fasten

9. Some spouts spots

10. Guarantee

11. 1921: Greek island

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	5	1	9	3	7	4	6
4	3	1	5	6	7	2	9	8
6	7	9	8	2	4	5	1	3
7	5	4	2	3	8	9	6	1
2	1	8	9	5	6	3	7	4
9	6	3	4	7	1	8	2	5
1	4	7	3	8	2	6	5	9
5	8	2	6	1	9	4	3	7
3	9	6	7	4	5	1	8	2

1				2
	5			
8	7	9	6	4
2		4	8	3
5				4
4		6	7	8
6	8	1	9	3
	7			5
9		7		6
	9			4

Today

-1°/-12°
3-5cm of snow
90%

Thursday

-6°/-14°
Variable

Know what the weather
will be 14 days from now.

Check the 14 day trend.

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where Prince Philip was born
12. Expect
13. Sean of movies
21. Banned pesticide
23. Canadian hockey play-by-play broadcasting legend, b.1902 - d.1985: 2 wds.
25. Reality star Ms. Leakes
27. Canadian shoe store
28. Shakespeare tragedy, King ___
30. Selects
32. Mr. Wyle
34. Seabird
35. Vitalities
36. "Knight Rider" car
39. Actor/rapper, Snoop ___
41. Endurance
44. Lariats
45. Title in Turkey
46. Reddish-rose dye
47. ___ knife
49. Segments
50. Slangy positives
53. ___ (Together, in music)
54. "Shoop" by Salt-n-
57. Fleetwood ___
58. Wee width

Turtlenecks, Skirts, Tights & Shoes.

Meet Jamie.

Raised in Sudbury, she moved to Montreal when she was a teenager to attend L'École de Clown et Comédie Francine Côté – a clown and comedy college. Growing up she spoke French and English, and could often be found out in nature camping, swimming or just hanging out. She also danced competitively, sang and played badminton. Sadly, she's given up all those hobbies since she's moved to Montreal and is now focused on choreography, theatre and has even taken up a few new hobbies like knitting, cooking and biking – which she says is a must if you're a true Montrealer. It's Jamie's dream to someday be on Broadway, but she'd be more than happy to have a career that involves teaching, physical theater or music. Jamie had only been working as one of our sales associates for a few weeks when one of our photographers, Jarred, asked her if she was interested in doing a shoot. She's wearing the Stripe Cotton Spandex Jersey Long Sleeve Turtleneck, Vegan Leather Circle Skirt, Opaque Pantyhose and High Heel Patent Lace-Up Shoe.



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